

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims pending in the application are requested.

**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-41, 43 and 44 are pending in the application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-41 are allowed.
2. Claim 42 has been canceled.
3. Claim 43 has been objected to based on an informality.
4. Claim 43 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.
5. Claims 43 and 44 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as anticipated by Ramamurthy (USP 6,853,294), of record.

**II Response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Applicants cancel claims 43 and 44 without prejudice.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-41 remain in the application. Claims 1-41 stand allowed. Entry of the amendment, allowance of the claims, and passage to issue of the application are requested.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4134.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4134.

Respectfully submitted,

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